



DITCHAM PARK SCHOOL



SCHOLARSHIPS 2023/24

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## Foreword

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**I am delighted you are interested in a Ditcham Park School Scholarship.**

We believe all children are unique and have a distinct blend of abilities. We aim to find the best in every child through an 'all round' approach to education and by identifying and developing their abilities whether they are academic, sporting or in the creative arts. We have, therefore expanded our scholarships to include sport, art and drama as well as academic and music.

Awards bring with them fee remissions of between 5 and 40 percent for an Academic Scholarship and between 5 and 10 percent for all other awards. We are looking for candidates with ability and potential who will make a significant contribution to the academic, sporting, musical, dramatic and artistic life of the school.

**Graham Spawforth**  
Headmaster



## Juniors

Year 4 - Year 6

One or two academic scholarships are available for entry into Year 4 in Juniors which attract fee remissions of between 5 and 10 percent for the remainder of time spent in the Junior School. During the Summer Term of Year 3, all high performing pupils are considered for the Scholarship. The parents of candidate pupils from within Ditcham Park School who are considered for the scholarship will be informed in writing. Candidates are selected through use of assessment data, past and current classwork, performance in school tests.

External candidates who have performed exceptionally well in our standard entrance procedures will be invited by the Head of Juniors to sit a Scholarship Exam if their entrance assessment is over 3 months old. Should they have been assessed for entrance into the Junior School within the previous 3 months, this will be used as a form of assessment.

Candidates will be informed, in writing, if they have been awarded a Junior Scholarship. If there is not a suitable candidate, the Junior Scholarship will not be awarded.





## Junior Music Scholarship

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A Junior Music Scholarship for entry into Year 4 is available. This Scholarship awards the successful candidate free tuition on two instruments.

## The Application Process

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Junior Academic Scholarships and the Junior Music Scholarship are open to both current and new pupils at Ditcham Park School and awards apply to the three final school years in Juniors, from Year 4 to 6 inclusive.

Please contact the Head of Admissions, Victoria Bridge, via [admissions@ditchampark.com](mailto:admissions@ditchampark.com) or telephone 01730 825 659 for further details.

# Seniors

Year 7 - Year 11

Academic Scholarships are awarded to pupils entering the School in Seniors in Year 7 and in Year 9. Likewise, Music, Art, Drama and Sports Scholarships are awarded to pupils entering the School in Seniors in Year 7 and in Year 9. Details of the application and assessment process can be found within this brochure.

## The Application Process

The application process is straightforward.

## Curriculum Scholarships

If your son or daughter is considering applying for a **Music, Sports, Drama or Art Scholarship** please contact our Head of Admissions, Victoria Bridge, via [admissions@ditchampark.com](mailto:admissions@ditchampark.com) or telephone 01730 825 659 to arrange an assessment.

## Academic Scholarships

Candidates for an Academic Scholarship will be invited to apply for an Academic Scholarship based on an excellent performance in the 11+/13+ Entrance Tests.



# Year 7 & 9 Academic Scholarship

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We are proud of our pupils' academic progress and achievements. Our GCSE results over the last 5 years have been consistently impressive with the School usually placed near to or at the top of the Hampshire GCSE league tables. In the last two years a Ditcham Park student has achieved outstanding GCSE results placing him/her in the top 1000 students in the country. A former pupil has gained a place at Oxford or Cambridge University each year over the past five years.

Each year we expect to make one or two Academic Scholarship awards to candidates who demonstrate significant academic ability. The award attracts a fee remission of between 5 and 40 percent and carries with it the expectation of future progress and involvement in the academic life of the School.

## Assessment Process

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The candidates who achieve the highest scores in the 11+/13+ Entrance Exams will be invited to apply for an Academic Scholarship.

Candidates will sit Scholarship exams and attend an interview with the Headmaster. The Scholarship exams will consist of an English paper and a Maths paper:

The English Scholarship examination is designed to enable the most able students to show their abilities. It is made up of three sections. The first section focuses on higher level reading skills. Students will need to be able to read a fiction extract and respond with both understanding and insight into its meaning combined with an appreciation of the writer's intentions. The second exercise enables students to show their abilities as accurate spellers with a good grasp of punctuation. The final section will provide candidates with an opportunity to demonstrate their writing skills. The assessment objectives here will be the appropriateness of the style they use, the content of their writing and the variety of sentence patterns and word choices they make.



The Maths Scholarship exam has problem solving at its core and questions can be solved using skills learnt in Key Stage 2. Pupils should develop their ability to solve a wider range of problems, including increasingly complex properties of numbers and arithmetic, and problems demanding efficient written and mental methods of calculation. With this foundation in arithmetic, pupils are introduced to the language of algebra as a means for solving a variety of problems. Teaching in geometry and measures should consolidate and extend knowledge developed in number. Teaching should also ensure that pupils classify shapes with increasingly complex geometric properties and that they learn the vocabulary they need to describe them.

### **Specific skills tested include:**

- Working with negative numbers
- Using the four operations
- Order of operations
- Distance measures - metric and imperial and converting between the two
- Area and Volume
- Properties of quadrilaterals
- Express missing number problems algebraically
- Solve linear equations
- Generate and describe number sequences
- Mean

The interview with the Headmaster will be 15 minutes long and will involve questions about the candidate's academic interests and achievements.

## **What we expect of an Academic Scholar**

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Maintain a consistently high level of effort and attainment in all subjects.

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Recipients of a scholarship are expected to achieve high standards and to contribute to school life. Scholarships are reviewed at the end of each academic year.

Participate enthusiastically in the academic life of the School: English Speaking Union (ESU) competition, Maths Olympiad, School Magazine, House Quiz events etc.



## Year 7 & 9 Music Scholarship

Music sits at the heart of Ditcham Park School and is a vitally important part of school life. We pride ourselves in giving every pupil the opportunity to explore their potential, to enjoy making music whatever their ability, whether in curricular or extra-curricular settings. Brass lessons in Year 4, woodwind lessons in Year 5 and strings lessons in Year 6 are offered to enhance the curriculum.

A typical week at Ditcham Park School sees an extensive range of music making taking place, including rehearsals with the Senior Concert Band and Junior Orchestra, Junior and Senior Choirs and numerous instrumental ensembles. Each week up to 200 individual instrumental and vocal lessons are delivered by a team of specialist visiting peripatetic music teachers.

Performance opportunities thrive with a variety of musical events being held throughout the academic year, for example the Senior and Junior Concerts, Battle of the Bands competition, Junior Talent and Young Musician's Competition. Offsite community events include the Petersfield Musical Festival, the Combined Schools Christmas Concert in aid of Save The Children and Young Voices at the O2. In addition, there are always musical contributions at assemblies, plays and school services.

We expect to make one or two Music Scholarship awards to applicants who demonstrate significant musical ability and proficiency. The award attracts a fee remission of between 5 and 10 percent and carries with it the expectation of future progress and involvement in the musical life of the School. Recipients of a Scholarship will also be expected to opt for Music GCSE.

## Assessment Process

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Candidates in Year 6 for the Year 7 scholarship will be expected to have reached or about to reach ABRSM Grade 3 in one instrument and must be able to offer a second instrument or voice.

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Candidates in Year 8 for the Year 9 scholarship will be expected to have reached or about to reach ABRSM Grade 5 in one instrument and must be able to show progress in a second instrument or voice.

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All candidates will be required to pass the Entrance Exams.

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Attend a half day (morning or afternoon) of auditions and interviews.

- Candidates for the Year 7 music scholarship will be required to perform one piece on each instrument they play and/or sing one song. Sight-reading will also be tested and a few aural tests will be undertaken.
- Candidates for the Year 9 music scholarship will be required to perform two contrasting pieces on their main instrument and one piece on their second instrument. Sight reading will also be tested and aural tests will be undertaken.
- The interview with the Headmaster and Head of Music will be 15 minutes long and will involve questions about the candidate's interest in music and performance experience.

## What we expect of a Music Scholar

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Music Scholars are expected to make a full and active contribution to the musical life of the School in all its aspects and will be required to take part in a wide range of musical events.

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Recipients of a scholarship must have a genuine interest in or passion for music as well as demonstrating real musical achievement or exceptional promise. Scholarships are reviewed at the end of each academic year.

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The Head of Music, Ed Williamson, is happy to advise pupils and parents on any aspect of the audition procedure.

Please call 01730 825659 or email [ed.williamson@ditchampark.com](mailto:ed.williamson@ditchampark.com)



## Year 7 & 9 Sports Scholarship

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Sport plays an important part in school life. The main team sports for boys are: football, rugby and cricket. The main team sports for girls are: netball, hockey and rounders/cricket. Cross country running and athletics is an area of strength. Basketball is played by boys and girls in the winter and Tennis in the summer. There is a very active and well supported Ditcham Park Cycling Club which includes mountain biking and road biking. Pupils who join the DPS Cycle Club can progress to a national level of competitive cycling.

We expect to make one or two Sports Scholarship awards to applicants who demonstrate significant sporting ability and the potential to play or compete at county standard. The award attracts a fee remission of between 5 and 10 percent and carries with it the expectation of future progress and involvement in the sporting life of the School. The recipient of a Scholarship will also be expected (but not necessarily required) to opt for PE GCSE.



## Assessment Process

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All candidates will be required to pass the Entrance Exams.

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Submit a sporting resume which explains which sport(s) the candidate takes part in and what level he/she has achieved so far.

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Provide a sporting reference from their school, club or coach which provides information and achievement in specific sports.

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Attend a half day of assessments and interviews.

- Candidates will be required to undertake a series of basic motor-ability tests which are designed to test cardio-respiratory endurance, power, agility, co-ordination and endurance. Candidates will also be assessed in two sports. The School's major sports are football, rugby and cricket for boys and netball, hockey and rounders/cricket for girls. It is also possible for candidates to offer athletics, tennis and cycling.
- The interview with the Headmaster and Head of Sport will be 15 minutes long and will involve questions about the candidate's sporting interests and achievements.

## What we expect of a Sports Scholar

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Sports Scholars are expected to make a full and active contribution to the sporting life of the School in all its aspects.

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Recipients of a scholarship are expected to achieve high standards and to contribute to school life. Scholarships are reviewed at the end of each academic year.

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**The Head of Sport, Graham Vaudrey, is happy to advise pupils and parents on any aspect of the assessment process.**

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# Year 7 & 9 Art Scholarship

The Art Department consistently achieves outstanding GCSE results and won a 1st in category at the 2019, 2020 and 2021 Independent Schools Association (ISA) National Art Exhibition. Our art teacher Nikki Rose is a working artist.

We expect to make one or two Art Scholarship awards to candidates who demonstrate significant artistic ability and potential to achieve a top grade 8 or 9 in GCSE Art. The award attracts a fee remission of between 5 and 10 percent and carries with it the expectation the recipient will take GCSE Art and be involved in the artistic life of the School.

## Assessment Process

All candidates will be required to pass the Entrance Exams.

Provide a portfolio of work. The portfolio should contain pieces completed both in school and at home and include final pieces and sketchbooks. The work can be in any media but is expected to include some drawing, tonal and line work. Any 3-D pieces can be photographed.

Attend a half day of assessments and interviews.

- Candidates will be required to sit a scholarship exam which will involve the candidates drawing a still-life piece, exploring texture, colour and proportion.
- The interview with the Headmaster and Head of Art will be 15 minutes long and will involve questions about the portfolio of work and interests in art.

## What we expect of an Art Scholar

Art Scholars are expected to opt for GCSE Art and make a full and active contribution to the artistic life of the School in all its aspects.

Recipients of a scholarship are expected to achieve high standards and to contribute to school life. Scholarships are reviewed at the end of each academic year.

The Head of Art, Helen Drake, is happy to advise pupils and parents on any aspect of the assessment process.

Please call 01730 825659 or email [helen.drake@ditchampark.com](mailto:helen.drake@ditchampark.com)

# Year 7 & 9 Drama Scholarship

The Drama Department consistently achieves excellent GCSE results. There is a strong tradition of performance art at the School. In 2019 a Ditcham Park School pupil won the National Finals of the 'Shakespeare by Heart' competition sponsored by the English Speaking Union (ESU). The Department has strong links with the Petersfield Theatre Company and pupils have regularly appeared in the Petersfield Shakespeare Festival.

We expect to make one Drama Scholarship award to a candidate who demonstrates significant ability in Drama and potential to achieve a top grade 8 or 9 in GCSE Drama. The award attracts a fee remission of between 5 and 10 percent and carries with it the expectation the recipient will take GCSE Drama and be involved in the dramatic life of the School.

## Assessment Process

All candidates will be required to 'pass' the Entrance Exams.

Attend a half day (afternoon) of auditions and interviews.

- Candidates will be required to take part in a practical workshop and write a short essay. Candidates should also prepare a monologue, or part monologue, from any published text lasting between 1 - 2 minutes.
- The interview with the Headmaster and Head of Drama will be 15 minutes long and will involve questions about the candidate's interest in Drama and any performance experience.

## What we expect of a Drama Scholar

Drama Scholars are expected to opt for GCSE Drama and make a full and active contribution to the dramatic life of the School in all its aspects.

Recipients of a scholarship are expected to achieve high standards and to contribute to school life. Scholarships are reviewed at the end of each academic year.

**The Head of Drama, Heather Baker, is happy to advise pupils and parents on any aspect of the assessment process.**

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